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work on Ridge Road has required the closing of Summer Lee Dr. at the east intersection of the two roads. Rockwall drivers, ry with the construction bottle-necks, are easing through the maze with courteous and considerate behavior. The Summer Lee and intersection is expected to be open on or about July 15.

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# ckwall mother prepares deployment of 3 sons

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ent overseas on peace-keeping missions or into combat situ-

Rock! I mother is awaiting the deployment of three of her four sons Aiddh ast before the year's end.

ght fit her job nearby, Lisa is vivacious and upbeat. Originally from them lited States, she and her family moved to Rockwall 11 years

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e mili y. But the economy hasn't been doing very well, and my husund I don't afford to put all of them through college," she said.

the benefits of joining the armed forces, but also presented the tuation. He emphasized to them that joining the military is not work? a desk job and it was likely they would be sent to Afghanistan

were up for the challenge. She's been impressed with the es she seen in her children since they enlisted.

"They are proud of themselves and what they are doing," she said.

All three enjoyed boot camp, and each chose a different branch of the army.

Two of her sons are identical twins, and this will be the first time they've

been apart.

"My son who enlisted in the Infantry is on cloud nine. He has wanted to

be in the military since he was a little kid," Lisa said.

Her second child, who had always been afraid of heights, surprised her by

deciding to join the Airborne Division.

"He already had a scary incident. He called me and said, 'Guess what! I

almost died!" Lisa said with a laugh.

His chute had become entangled with another soldier's, but fortunately

the situation was resolved before they reached the ground.

Her third son is involved in combat engineering and will work on building

bridges and clearing mines.

Her eldest son, who has not chosen to enlist, reserves the right to change his mind, telling his mother, "If one of them gets hurt, I'm in. I'm going after them," she said.

When people hear that she has three sons who are deploying soon, she gets mixed reactions. Most talk to her about being afraid for her sons' safety.

"I can't live in that fear," Lisa said with conviction. "My middle son and I

"I can't live in that fear," Lisa said with conviction. "My middle son and I talk about that a lot. When my boys are overseas, I will put on the armor of God, and my faith will bring them back."

She admits to having a weak moment when she learned that all three were going to be deployed at almost the same time.

"I had to get a hold of myself," she said. "My boys lean on me. They know that their mom is praying for them, and that's a shield in itself."

Lisa said she knows there will be times when she won't be able to communicate with her sons while they're overseas, but she looks forward to sharing the good news of the safe return of her boys.



The window and wall outside of James Eason's B.J. Smith Elementary classroom in Mesquite were covered with messages, stuffed animals, flowers and photos. The impromptu memorial started over the weekend after Eason, a fifth grade teacher, his wife, Leah, an assistant principal at another Mesquite school, and their 1-year-old son died following an automobile accident near Texarkana Saturday. The couple's 3-year-old son survived. The Easons were residents of Rockwall.

Photo by Jana Edwards/Rockwall County News

# Two communities impacted by tragic loss of Rockwall family

by Jana Edwards

Mesquite and Rockwall residents are mourning together over the tragic loss of two educators and their infant son, all killed in an automobile accident near Texarkana Saturday night.

Their 3-year-old son survived the crash involving an 18-wheeler.

The adult victims both were employed by the Mesquite Independent School District and lived in Rockwall: Leah Compton Eason, an assistant principal at Florence Black Elementary, and her husband, James Eason, a fifth grade teacher at B.J. Smith Elementary, also in Mesquite.

The family was traveling to East Texas to visit family when their 2009 Hyundai rear-ended a freightliner tractor-trailer that was pulled over on eastbound I-30. Leah Eason, 30, and their 1-year-old son, Luke, were pronounced dead at the scene, while James Eason, 30, died at Titus Regional Medical Center in Mount Pleasant.

The couple's older son, Jace, was transported to Children's Medical Center where he is listed in good condition.

The Mesquite ISD utilized its resources on Facebook to spread the word of the loss, characterized as a "a very sad day for the MISD family." Word spread rapidly by text message among James Eason's many former students, all of whom were shocked by such a sudden and horrifying loss.

The window to his classroom was soon plastered with notes, drawings and posters, and candles, flowers and stuffed animals comprised a growing memorial along the outside of B.J. Smith Elementary, which is now closed for the summer. Dozens of children stopped to grieve and pay their respects, and many attended a candlelight vigil there on Monday.

Florence Elementary School family and friends conducted a candle-

light vigil at St. Stephen United Methodist Church on Tuesday night.

Visitation for the Easons will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Lakepointe Church, Room A122, in Rockwall. A memorial service is set for 1 p.m. Friday at Lakepointe, followed by a private burial.

A bank account has been established for Jace Eason, the family's lone survivor, at First State Bank in Mesquite, P.O. Box 850438, (Continued on Page 2)



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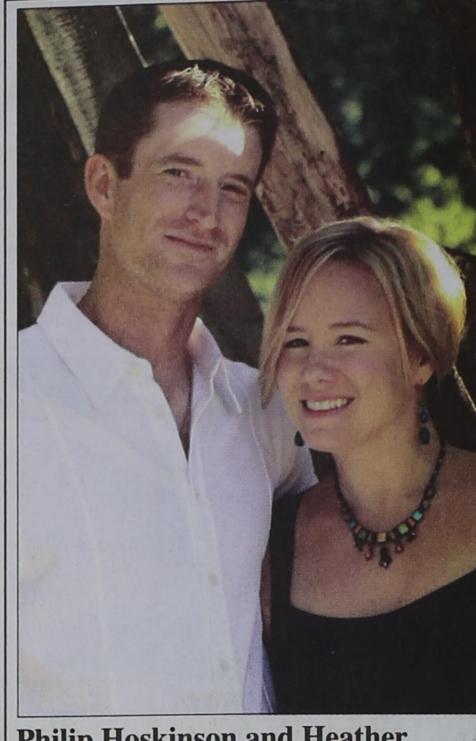
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#### Philip Hoskinson and Heather Norwood announce July 5 wedding

Sue Norwood of Rockwall and Richard Norwood of Satellite Beach, Fla., are pleased to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Jane Norwood, to Philip Hoskinson, son of Dennis and Chris Hoskinson of Anchorage, Alaska. The couple will be wed July 5, 2011, in Christiansted, St. Croix.

### Rockwall council approves new Oncor

City of Rockwall council members recently agreed to adopt a negotiated increase in electricity n the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, a group comprised of approximately 160 citie electric delivery company.

Pending final approval, the negotiated rate hike will cost the average residential customer \$2.35 cording to a news release from the city. It will be implemented in two phases - on July 1 and on Ja Oncor had proposed a \$5 monthly increase.

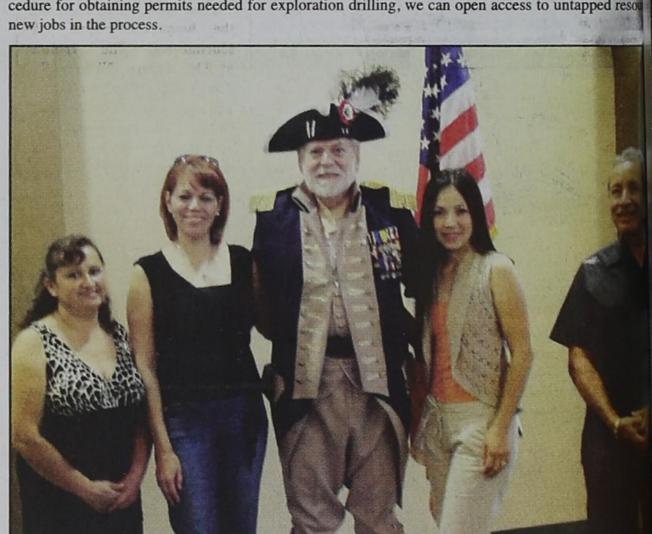
The committee worked with consultants and lawyers to resolve Oncor's requested \$353 millio reducing it by 60 percent to \$136.7 million.

#### Hall votes to pass bill to tie EPA hands on oil drilling

Last week Rep. Ralph Hall voted with a House majority to pass H.R. 2011, the Jobs and Energy Pe 2021, which would eliminate needless permitting delays that have stalled important energy production off the coast of Alaska.

The bill passed, 253-166.

"This bill, part of the American Energy Initiative, tears down permit-approval barriers created by the Protection Agency (EPA) and its Environmental Appeals Board," said Hall. "By simplifying and exp cedure for obtaining permits needed for exploration drilling, we can open access to untapped reso



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Ed Crump with his son and daughter-in-law Al and Erika Crump.

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#### Two locals degrees a

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The talented team created designs in the mats by incorporating the various colors of the plastic grocery bags. But the thing that is more appealing about the finished product is that as one member remarks, "You can actually see and feel the love of those who made the mat when you hold it in your hands."

The mats take about 25 hours to crochet, which is time the crocheting team puts to good use, sending up prayers for those who will one day be the recipient of their mats. The mats are lightweight and weather-resistant, and come with a carrying strap.

First Presbyterian's pastor, Cheryl

Taylor, is proud of her congregation's efforts.

"When Jean Jones, who is on staff with The Stewpot, showed me a mat one morning at The Bridge, I got excited," Taylor said. "But the most exciting thing is the love that our congregation has shown in their enthusiasm for this project, and for the people who will one day sleep on these mats. They are truly living into our church's motto: Feel the love. Be the love."

Enthusiasm for the project has been contagious, spreading from community-to-community within different denominations. First Methodist Church of Heath, whose members serve alongside the Rockwall-based congregation at The Bridge, has begun their own

mat-making endeavor.

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Buchannan and a representative of The Bridge will visit First Presbyterian in August, when Buchannan will teach a class on ministry to the homeless during Sunday school. Both will be involved in a blessing of the mats during the worship service that morning.

Taylor laughs when she thinks about the piles of plastic that have filled the church being transformed into a symbol of love.

"I hope that the people who read this will use it as a spark to transform their own plastic bags into sleeping mats," she said.

With a smile, she said the church has plenty of excess bags if people need some to get them started



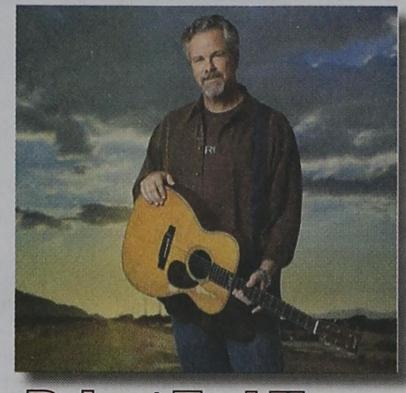
First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall member Dick Guerrera (left), along with Wal-Mart assistant manager Todd Chase, is shown holding one of the mats made as part of the A Place to Lay Their Heads effort currently under way at the church. The congregation is using thousands of plastic grocery bags to weave sleeping mags to be used by homeless individuals in the area. Wal-Mart and Kroger both have donated plastic bags to the church for use in the project. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Nikki Mutschler, left, Rockwall Presbyterian Hospital marketing director, is shown presenting Margo Nielsen with proceeds from the hospital's recent golf tournament, The Tribute at The Colony. Nielsen, the non-profit critical assistance agency's executive director, thanked everyone involved in making this year's event the most successful tournament to date.

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## On God's Word

Speaking in tongues & prophecy...1Cor. chapter 14 Part 3 by Timothy W. Burnett

"Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be children, but in understanding be men. In the law it is written, 'With the men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people. And yet for all that will they not hear me, says the Lord" (1Corinthians 14:20-21). God wants us to handle and act on His word as grown men and women, rather than as children. Children become easily envious and angered. They are

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quick to disobey commands from parents or easily tricked into doing so

Speaking in tongues was prophesied of during the Old Testament times (see Isaiah 28:11). The people who speak in tongues will hear the words coming from the mouth, but will not understand what is spoken. We saw this in 1Corinthians 14:2, "...for no man understands, howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries."

"Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not. But prophesying serves not for them that believe not, but for them that believe" (1Corinthians 14:22). I do not completely understand what the above quote means. So I'll move on.

"If therefore the whole church comes together into one place and all speak with tongues, and there comes in those that are unlearned or unbelievers, will they not say that you are mad? But if all prophesy, and there comes in

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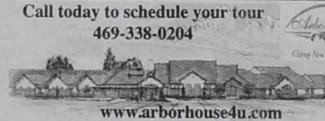
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one that believes not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all. And thus the secrets of his heart are made man, on his face he will worship God, and report that God (1Corinthians 14:24-25). Once again, common sense a church gathering, if everyone is speaking in tongues an unbeliever will think they are nuts and not benefit

Please notice that the end result of prophecy is not others in their place. Instead, it is meant to help the new lievers to see that God truly exists to the end that they ping Him in prayer (among other purposes). God is the the hearts of all, and He is able to utilize a believer to h spiritual growth. This does not mean that all prophecy the hearts of others. The verse is meant to emphasize the speaking in tongues and prophecy during church gather

"How is it then brethren? When you come together has a psalm, has a doctrine, has a tongue [language wh gues], has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all be c (1Corinthians 14:26). When we prophesy it can be as revelation or giving the interpretation of tongues. This is ple, but instead reasserting the list and repeating the i items listed be utilized unto edifying of the church.

Speaking in tongues during a church assembly is not one speaking believes to give the interpretation by the s address this in more detail next week. It is edifying duris when believers prophesy by the same spirit that is in ear ching us to let all the things listed above be done unto ed

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#### Nana Pat's Kite

by Pat Burnett

Not sure where this recipe came from, but honestly it delicious desserts, guaranteed to bring smiles to your fam

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Crust:

2 cups of flour

2 sticks of soft margarine

2 Tablespoons sugar (optional)

Mix together to a smooth ball. Press by hand into a 9" Shape to look smooth. Bake about 15 minutes at 350 de because it can burn easily! Cool completely.

First Layer:

8 oz. soft cream cheese

1. cup sifted powdered sugar

1/2 of 9 oz. Cool Whip (save the other half for second la Cream together and mix with mixer until smooth. Spream crust. Chill until second layer is ready.

Second Layer:

1 large and 1 small instant vanilla pudding (be sure it is

5 cups of milk ½ of 9 oz. Cool Whip

½ cup of toasted coconuts ½ cup chopped pecans

Mix pudding and milk in a mixer for about one minute. then mix for another one or two minutes. Spread onto the fir the top with ½ cup of toasted coconut and the chopped refrigerate. It's wise to make this dessert the day before it'

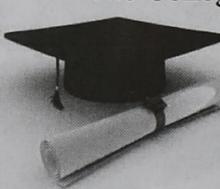
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2011, in Fort Worth, he was a happy and well-loved child. a , swinging on the porch and playing outside.

le his parents; his sister, Vanessa Cato; his grandparents, Is oldrey, Jackie Cavitt and Steven Rodgers; and numerous prophesy it can be ation of tongues. Thi

largested that in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to S Institute, 528 Raven Way, Naples, Fla., 34110.

#### **Betty Garrison**

church assembly is see see for Betty Garrison, 87, of Rockwall will be at 10 a.m. e interpretation by Fire Crest Memorial Park, 7401 Hwy. 5 North, Alexander, ven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arran-

d above be done un 7. .923, in Princeton, Ky., to Robert Elmer Kelley and Edna he was a bookkeeper for many years prior to her retire-

le her son, Robert Wayne Garrison, and his wife, Debbie, randchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

suggested memorial contributions may be made to the undation, 6931 Arlington Rd., 2nd Floor, Bethesda, MD

#### J.B. Moore

Moore, 98, of Wills Point were conducted at 2 p.m. June Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor iating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

913, in Pine Forest to Liff and C.W. (Bryant) Moore, he e dealer and a Methodist.

de his son, Terry Moore of Wills Point; his grandchildren, chael Moore and Mitzi Phillips; his great-grandchildren, Wallen, Elton Moore, Troy Moore and Jennifer Moore, aleb Wilson and Gavin Phillips; and his great-great-grand-Wallen, Nichole Wallen and Kaleb Moore.

d in death by his wife, Lee Ila Moore; one son, Jerry Moore;

#### Sarona 'Tootsie' Roberds

Sarona "Tootsie" Dallas will be con-June 25, 2011, in the eral Home-Rockwall or Ken Ashlock offiutes. Spread onto biase ill follow in the Rest

I receive friends from June 24 at the funeral



228, in Waxahachie to

el (Hazard) Whitaker, she grew up in Sweetwater, where a bakery. She spent summers in Red Oak with her cousins, She graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1948 d by the Dallas Independent School District. She enjoyed and visiting scenic gardens. She was a member of the Casa

ide her children, Becky Kelly and her husband, John, of Mike Roberds of Rowlett and Laura Chapman and her husckwall; her grandchildren, Chris "Dave" Kelly of Godley perds-Coffey and her husband, Jason, of Mesquite; and a **Judson Michael Coffey of Mesquite.** 

ded in death by her parents; a brother, G.W. "Sonny" ister, Wanda Jean Whitaker.

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#### Roe Sweetman

Services for Roe Sweetman, 54, of Dallas were conducted at 2 p.m. June 27, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial followed in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

She died June 19. Born Feb. 3, 1957, in Borger to Ronald and Carole (Braxton) Webb, she attended the Christ United Methodist

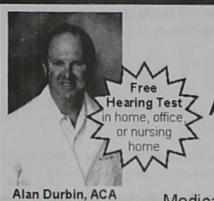
Church, Plano. Survivors include her son, Cory Sweetman of Dallas; her mother, Carole

Hodges, and her husband, Larry, of Plano; her sister, Summer Morris of Dallas; her brother, Gary Cantrell, and his wife, Pam, of Garland; her granddaughter, Kaylee Sweetman of Rowlett; her niece, Ashley Morris; and her nephew, Justin Tunnell.

She was preceded in death by her father; her husband, Tom; and her son, Michael.

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#### Two locals named to Dean's List

Two local residents were among students named to the Dean's List at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the spring semester, according to a university news re-

lease. Meredith Bellinger of Heath, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in general business, and Matthew Pritchard of Rockwall, who is working toward a degree in environ-

To qualify for the Dean's List at the university, undergraduates must be enrolled full-time with a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a grade-point average of 3.65

mental sciences, both were named to the honors list.





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## Local celebrations planned to mark Independence Day

by Sheri Lewis

Looking for some patriotic fun? Feeling a little red, white and blue?

There are plenty of activities planned to mark this weekend's Independence Day holiday. Whether it's fries or fireworks, parades or Popsicles, there's a nearby celebra-



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wait staff and live entertainment."

tion perfect for everyone looking for a Fourth of July observance. Listed below are a few of the many celebrations, listed in chronological order:

Stars and Stripes Luncheon The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will host a Stars and Stripes

## Hungry Harry

A Rockwall County News Exclusively

#### **Battling after-hours hunger**

Ten o'clock is the hour that apparently most restaurants turn into pumpkins. What do you do when you have a late-night hunger or need an early breakfast? The

options seem relatively thin. Not everybody works 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The major problem is Rockwall does not have a local spoon open late nights. Every restaurant is a chain. It is with great trepidation that I bring up this issue though everyone gets that late-night hunger or maybe you just got back from the high school football late and don't know what to do. Sometimes we just need a good meal in our stomach and don't know where to go.

Denny's in Royse City might be the best spot for the late-night crowd. It has kept exceptionally clean and the service there is fast. It isn't packed normally and it probably should be.

Denny's is still relatively new, but why it hasn't caught on befuddles me. The wait time was non-existent. Sure, the menu is simple and predictable, but what stands out here is its service over other Denny's restaurants. Sometimes food is secondary to the experience. The food was hot and in this case it was French toast: I know that Denny's is a chain, but service was nothing but special.

Atmosphere: Clean Service: Good, fast Food: Good

Price: \$

Overall: Two of four smiles. Location: 201 W. I-30 Royse City

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys dining out. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)

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#### Freedom Fest at The Harbor

Independence Day celebrations start early at The Harbor, wit to begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. Friday on the shores of In For more details on this weekend's Harbor activities, visit the

Fourth on July 2 in Rockwall

Rockwall's 11th Annual Old-Fashioned Fourth of July P. Saturday. Anyone may participate free of charge, riding a bike driving or riding in strollers or wagons. Pets will be welcom they're on leashes. The parade will form at 10:30 a.m. on K.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and follow a new route: st south on Clark Street, west on Washington Street and north on 1 west on Rusk Street into Rockwall's historic town square.

At the square, everyone is invited to attend a flag ceremony, p for the most patriotic costumes and best decorated bikes, trikes as well as cutest pets. Winners of a Watermelon Eating Contest a Seed-Spitting Contest also will receive prizes. Complimentary de will be served and entertainment will be provided.

The event is being hosted by the Old Town Rockwall Neighbor sponsored by Community Bank. Sidelining the special activities Market, which will be in full swing. For more details visit oldto Parade and Popsicles

The City of Heath will once again host its annual Independa Popsicles in the Park on Monday.

Parade staging will begin at 8 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elem-Drive, followed by judging and awards at 8:30 a.m. and the parwill be presented in several categories, including float, bicycle, cart, off-road vehicle, kiddie car and antique car. Awards also w Costume, Most Patriotic Pet and the Mayor's Award.

Veterans of all U.S. military branches are invited to ride on march in the parade. Motorists should be aware that the inter-Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed from approximately 9 avoid delays, motorists should plan to use an alternate route.

Following the parade, observers are invited to gather at the pavilion for free Popsicles provided by the City of Heath Specia more details, contact Kim Dobbs at 972-771-6228 or visit heath

Fireworks viewing sites detailed

The Rockwall Pa Department's Independence Day slated to begin at c will be visible all ov best viewing areas Myers Park, Dol Tuttle Athletic Co RISD Education Cer The show will be sy

# Opinions

## **Comparing 2011 to 1776:** government abuses very similar

by Wesley W. Burnett

This week we continue our tradition of publishing the entire American Declaration of Independence and encourage our readers to take a few minutes to carefully read and digest the powerful words and ideas contained

When reading the list of abuses, take note of how similar many of them are to the government tyranny of our time. The big difference of course is that we are not ruled today by a single tyrant. Instead, we are ruled by a conglomerate of powerful men and women through the rule of man, with the rule of law practically ignored.

Sadly, the structure of limited government envisioned by our American ancestors has been cast aside in favor of the whims of the "majority." The founders of this great nation roundly rejected the idea of a democracy, recognizing that form of government as the tyranny of the mob that it is.

Therefore, because we have elected and supported democracy and socialist advocates for so many years, we suffer insidious interference of government in our private and business affairs. The role of a republic form government and its constitution have been rejected, not only by government agents, but by the majority of the American people.

Those of us who advocate liberty, free enterprise and a government limited by specified authority, are mostly considered "radical, unreasonable fanatics." Because we believe in a limited government and demand our elected and appointed government agents adhere to the limits of our constitution, we are targeted as "potential terrorists."

Well, okay ... the English King and his minions said the same thing about those American patriots who crafted the document we celebrate every July Fourth. I wonder how many Americans enjoying what little freedom we have left, recognize that on July 4 the celebration honors men and women anti-government "terrorists" of their time.

This July 4, make a list for yourself of the abuses of government today, and compare that list with those of our American ancestors. Maybe then you'll understand the difficulties they faced in breaking away from the tyranny of their time.

#### Here's a few government abuses that are on my list:

The Texas legislature and its corporate subdivisions routinely approve legislation (ordinances, rules and regulations) not authorized by the state or U.S. constitution. Legislators (and other political subdivision officials) believe they have "plenary" power (pass any statute, rule or regulation not specifically forbidden by the constitution).

The Texas legislature rejects the constitutional requirement to pay its financial obligations in gold or silver.

The Texas legislature has enacted and authorized enforcement of warrantless arrests; custodial arrests, imprisonment and detainment without

Courts at all levels enforce the unconstitutional principle that government is presumed correct when filing charges against individuals, imposing the burden of proof upon the accused. The American principle of "innocent until proven guilty" is routinely rejected.

Individual liberty is denied without due process through the unlawful enforcement of codes and ordinances.

Municipal courts operate as collection enforcers, not as fair and impartial administrators of justice, ignoring due process of law requirements.

The U.S. executive, legislative and judicial branches violate the limited authority of the constitution (too many examples to list here).

The question, as it was with our ancestors, is how shall we reclaim our liberty and the security of our individual rights in a peaceful and lawful

### **Rockwall Coun** Letters to the Ed

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Edito publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the ec be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters considered libelous or an attack of an individual's ch rejected. Letters must be signed and include telephore address for verification.

#### Another way of stealing from us

Using the unfailing legislative support of elected gove greedy Washington politicians have contrived one more lifelong savings from American taxpayers. This furtive act in reams of published socialist gobbledygook labeled 'Ob

In this bill there is to be a federal health care sales tax wh effective in the year 2013. After the elections 0(2012) transactions will be subject to a 3.8% Federal Sales Tax.

This bill will punish the retiring generation who o downsize. Now one wonders what else is hidden in this tom legislation.

Jacqueline Strickland, Rockwall

#### I'm still humming the tunes from "Sound or

I have just returned from the first production offered Summer Musicals -- "The Sound of Music" -- and I am sti

The huge cast, directed by Barbara Doudt, was every bit as those I have seen in New York and Fair Park. The orche by Roberta Pavlov, was magnificent, and the set, design path Johnson, was amazing. The board of directors and founding members, along wit

benefactors and the support of the Alliance of the Arts, h to offer the Rockwall community an opportunity to experie major works of musical theater in the perfect venue - th Performing Arts Center. How very lucky we are to be abl results of their hard work. The convenience, cost and outstanding talents showcase 1 No

production make me want to get my tickets for the nel "Oklahoma," to be held Aug. 5-7 quickly. Can you imagine my disappointment (but not surprise

(standing room only) sign went up at the box office before

Leigh Plagens, Rockwall

## County's Five year strategic plan unveil

by Jerry Hogan, Rockwall County Judge

There were several events this week in County government that you may find very interesting.

On Tuesday evening, June 28, at 7:00pm in the Historic Courthouse, the Citizens committee of 120 volunteers presented the results of their Five Year Strategic Plan recommendations to the Commissioners Court. This group of citizens has been working since late March to develop a strategic plan for what they, the citizens, want our County to look like at the end of the next five years. Covering such areas as Land Use, Health Services, the Arts, Finance, Facilities, Customer Service, Education, and Law Enforcement, the group has laid out their approach to making our County one which represents their views and desires. Their work was facilitated by Dr. Joan Terry, a recognized expert in the field of strategic planning, who also volunteered her time and efforts to assist the citizens. I believe you will be very impressed with the recommendations which they presented. You can see their work very shortly on the County website at www.rockwallcountytexas.com.

Following this presentation was the second item of interest.

As you probably have read, the State has been going through a process of redistricting the political boundaries for the State elected representatives as well as for our Congressional Texas districts. This requirement is mandatory every ten years after each new census is conducted. We here in the County are also required to redistrict the political boundaries of the four Commissioners on the Commissioners Court to insure they represent approximately equal number of citizens in the County.

The County has hired a specialized law firm out of Austin to assist in this process and for the last several months, the law firm, the Commissioners, and a volunteer Citizens Redistricting committee of fifteen citizens have been working to develop new precinct boundaries that are about equal in numbers of citizens represented as well as meeting other Federal requirements such as the "One person-One Vote" criteria.

Two alternative maps which have been developed during the redistricting process were presented to the public Tuesday evening for comment. After the comments were received, the Commissioners Court was then informed by the law firm that another Public Hearing should be scheduled. During this next meeting the Court will vote on one of the alternatives and then the Citizens Committee will work with the Commissioners and the law firm to

develop the actual voting precincts boundaries that fit within the new map As you may have read or heard in the last several weeks, some of the recommendations proposed by the County Judge in the preparation of the County budget for 2012, have not been accepted by some of the special interest groups with total acquiescence. Unfortunately the economic times we are now living in have caused a change from the normal way of doing business and that is the reason for the controversy.

We have just finished a five year financial forecast for the County. Our revenue for next year is flat compared to this year, and for the next several years, it is forecasted our revenues will not rise more than 1% per year. At the same time that revenue is not increasing, costs are rising and mandated requirements put on us by the State are increasing. To meet these challenges, in the last six months we have: reduced our County facilities by five buildings, voted to outsource the cleaning of all County buildings, voted to outsource the health care for our jail inmate population, asked each county department to reduce their expenses going into next year by at least 5%, worked with the library to reduce their budget by \$250,000, and are now debating other cost savings measures as we prepare the budget for next year. Because of some of the new requirements, we are forced to bring some new personnel into the County, but to prevent a rise in total number of personnel, for the first time, we will be laying off some people from the work force.

Contrary to what some might believe, the salary structure for County employees is not high; in fact it is much lower than municipal employees. Likewise, the retirement entitlements are modest for the County employees; certainly not outlandish as you may have read in the newspaper about other organizations. The Health Care program is good, but not any better than what you might find in most public corporations. And the County employees have not been awarded pay raises for the last several years, again contrary to what you might have heard.

I understand the desires of special interest groups. I als 177 understand the realities of today's environment. Comments is reductions in budget from someone else," or "You don't un ish importance of what we do," while interesting, do nothing to h overall problem of reduced funding for government. Balanced

We are still a rapidly growing County. The State has just 300 about \$62 million for new road construction with an addition million to be awarded the end of this year. This is a direct it is Road Bond issue passed by the voters in 2008 and the combit in the Commissioners Court, the Mayors and City Managers of ol SE our transportation consultant who has been working with the last several years. Special recognition needs to be given to Co David Magness who has been our representative on the Transportation Commission and the leader of our combit Consortium, and Commissioner Lorie Grinnan who organized lead the Road Bond Committee that helped encourage voter Road Bond issue into place.

The 2nd Draft of the County Budget has been placed on website. You can see and examine it in detail at www.rockwall com. Please feel free to attend any Commissioners Court Workship meeting on the budget or any other items of interest. Meetings at it scheduled for Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am in the Historic UN you can't attend, you can always listen to the audio streaming the County website and clicking on the appropriate icon

Government is important in our way of life and with our all system. Please learn as much as you can and participate as much in this process in our County.

Jerry Hogan is the Rockwall County Judge. He can be read 204-6000 or jhogan@rockwallcountytexas.com or jerryhog net. Rockwall County News video recording of county government is available at www.RockwallTexasOnline.com.

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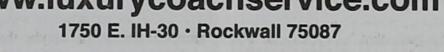
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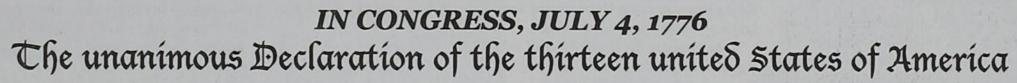
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Dourse of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate ation to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. se truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happit to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of g members, along the list the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most t their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. en the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is epeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. He has refused Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Id be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people ish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant ository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness on the rights of the people. He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the ge for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these at purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. He has leter to Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and heir salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance. He has kept among us, in times of peace, Stand-I miles rithout the Consent of our legislatures. He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power. He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to ion, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: For protecting them, by a mock Trial from armet for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: For depriving mani :ases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury: For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing n air bitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies For taking away our Charters, e," or "You whim it is most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all bever. He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the overnment of occepte. He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become ners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the iles: dian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most 2008 and the ple training to be the repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. City Manual e been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these atio , which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which resentative unce our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

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## Royse City Lions getting early start on Christmas project

The Royse City Lions Club is getting an early start on its Send Santa to the Troops Christmas project.

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 2 the group will sell patriotic T-shirt for donations of \$15 each. Shirts will be black or white, and the donor can choose

#### Carr earns Chancellor's Award

A Royse City resident was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for the spring 2011 semester at UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University.

Joshua Carr, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in game design and development, was the award recipient, according to a university news release. The award is presented to students who obtain a grade-point average of 3.5

from a selection of several designs to have the shirt pressed on site. Available designs are posted for review on the club's Facebook event page.

The Lions will be set up at the Exxon station at I-30 and FM 548. Anyone interested in purchasing a shirt who is unable to drop by the site should contact a Royse City Lions Club member for more details or email roysecitylionsclub@gmail.com.

All profits will go toward sending gift packs to U.S. troops stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan in December.

Last year the group shipped 32 boxes, and this year's goal is to double that number. Project coordinators also are looking for contact information for local men and women serving overseas to be added to the Lions mailing list.

## This Week in Royse City

by Paula Baker

com/parks.

verizon.net.

Camp from 9:30 a.m. to noon July 18-22.

Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Jeffrey P. Myers, M.D.

F.A.C.O.G.

#### **Church News**

I will feature church news each week in my column. I would love to write about your church's activities. My email address can be found at the end of this column.

Today, I will be reporting on Royse City United Methodist Church. First United Methodist Church is a busy place these days. July will begin the "Summer of Love "sermon series, This series consists of Bible stories, which offer good examples of how healthy love relationships should be.

Need a motivator to begin your garage or attic? This is your opportunity to donate old beach balls, towels, picnic baskets and umbrellas. "Son Surf Beach Bash" is the theme of this year's vacation Bible school at the church. If you happen to have any kind of fun beach things you can donate or loan solves the problem of where to move these in your house.

Work days to get ready for the school are scheduled for July 6 and July 12. Should you want your items returned, please make sure to put your name on your donation. You may place your items at the donation station, which is

**Rockwall County News Briefs** 

Event to focus on kite-making

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host Kite Making 101 from

noon to 2 p.m. July 16 at The Center. Children ages 5-12 are invited to make

their own kites and fly them in the city park. Cost will be \$45 or \$30 for

Rockwall residents; supplies will be provided. For more details visit rockwall.

**Church to host Summer Mission Camp** 

The First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall will host a Summer Mission

Participants will experience the church's motto, "Feel the Love, Be the

Love," as they travel throughout the community to learn about organizations

that help others. A pool and pizza party will be conducted on the final day. Cost will be \$10 per child, which will include the camp T-shirt. The event will

be open to youths in grades kindergarten through eighth. To register, contact

'Math Mania' set July 18-22

A math program that will utilize games to help children ages 8-10 learn

math skills will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18-22 at The Center. The

emphasis will be on having fun while reviewing age-appropriate math skills.

Cost is \$120 or \$80 for Rockwall residents. For more details call the Rockwall

Stingerette clinic slated

The RHS Stingerettes Side Show Summer Dance Clinic is set for July 19-22 at Williams Middle School. Register at the door at a cost of \$80 per participant. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon, with an 8:30 a.m. check-in

on the first day. A noon performance for parents will take place on the last day of camp. For more details contact Jill at 214-212-9411 or email hill@

(See more News Briefs at rockwalltexasonline.com)

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located just under the stairs. Anyone and everyone is invited to help make this the best Bible school ever.

#### Did You Know?

Did you know the Royse City/Fate area has gained 65 new residents? This information comes from Mary Johnson of Housewarmers. Our little communities are growing so fast. Hello everyone. Happy to have you and hope you find living here as great as we do.

Did you know I spotted Mayor Baley at bingo and lunch at the Senior Citizens Center last week? We were all happy to see him walking around after his surgery..

#### **Rainy Day News**

Students of Amy Parks-Heath Elementary and the City of Heath have implemented a Storm Water Management Program, a pro-active approach to reducing water pollution sources in compliance with the Texas Commission on Environment Quality. The goal is to make drainage ways, both natural and manmade, free-flowing.

#### **Bingo Dates**

Royse City Health and Rehabilitation, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility that specializes in short term rehabilitation, sponsors the monthly bingo at the Royse City Senior Center. They provide prizes and have lots of fun. All seniors are welcome, so come on out. The next bingo is set for July 21 at 10:30 a.m. and the theme will be Christmas in July. Please wear your Christmas attire and join the celebration.

#### Eyes to the Skies

I hope you will attend 4th Fest in Royse City at the new stadium Saturday. Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. Remember, fireworks are not allowed in the city limits and it's too dry to shoot them on your own anywhere else. Please attend a contained firework show. You'll be glad you did.

#### That's All for Now

Well, that's it for another week. I hope you all have a great Fourth, celebrating our county's birthday. Be careful as you go and have a great week ahead. Send all suggestions, comments or news tips to me at rcn.paula@gmail.

#### Coldren named to Dean's Honor List

Roman Coldren of Royse City was named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring semester at the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas, according to a university news release.

To be named to the Dean's Honor List, a student must end the semester with a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

### **Rockwall County Enter**

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King Creole performance set

King Creole, a variety band, will perform at the Conat 7:30 p.m. July 7 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admis-Mystery theater benefit dinner

"Knot by a Long Shot," a mystery play where the crime, will be offered from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 9 at Christian Fellowship, 5326 Rochelle Rd., Rockwall, by zation This is Your Season Ministries. Appropriate for the benefit event calls for semi-formal attire. Tickets c \$80 for a table of six. Tickets are available at Hidden at the church; or at thisisyourseason.org. For more detaor 972-961-0101.

#### **Double Ace to perform**

Double Ace will perform at the Concert by the Lake en 14 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

#### Classic rock concert slated

The classic rock band Railhead will perform at the event at 7:30 p.m. July 21 at the Harbor Amphitheatre

#### Professor D to give concert

The variety band Professor D will perform at the Conc. at 7:30 p.m. July 28 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admiss

#### Country band to take stage Au

King Buck's, a country band, will perform at the Conce at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admiss

#### Eagles tribute band schedule

The Eagles tribute band Fastland will perform at the event at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Harbor Amphitheatre free.

#### Cajun/Zydeco concert to end sea

Ponty Bone, a Cajun/Zydeco band, will give the fit the Concert by the Lake 2011 series at 7:30 p.m. Aug Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

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Correction

In the June 24 story headlined "Grand Canyon trip more I RC student," the dates of the trip were listed incorrectly. The read July 30 through Aug. 6. Also, the woman pictured with in the accompanying photo should have been identified ash Language teacher, Laurie Kobe. The Rockwall County Ne

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### **Rockwall County Sports**

## as Race Week raises more than \$25,000 for charity

biggest winners included Jeffrey Progelhof, Mike Jones Yacht Club.

there were even more winners as the Rockwall Breakfast ted more than \$25,000 to nine charitable organizations. nis year's Dallas Race Week sailing event was a success. ason.org. For more 1 for charity more than doubled the 2010 contributions. he Breakfast Rotary Club, "That's as much as we've ever

lulge yourself n boating...

He attributed the increase to a greater fund-raising effort and to the large crowd gathered at The Harbor for the closing ceremony after the final race Friday, June 25.

Bricker said, "The event at The Harbor was up about 50 per cent in selling raffle tickets than what we had before. The Friday night event really got a lot of public interest. We had a band to try to get the public out."

That plan worked. Parking lots at The Harbor were jammed.

The club presented checks to Reading for Adults, Meals on Wheels, Shoes for Kids, Lone Star CASA, Boys' & Girls' Club, YMCA, Pregnancy Resource Center, Before the Bridge and One Man's Treasure.

The racing on Lake Ray Hubbard was good, too.

Progelhof – a member at Rush Creek, which was the presenting sponsor, was the overall winner in Fleet A, which had the fastest boats. Those had PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) ratings of 120 or lower. The PHRF handicap measures how many seconds per mile each boat would be expected to finish behind a theoretical yacht with a rating of 0. Assuming that the boat has a clean bottom, new sails and an experienced crew, a boat with a 60 rating would finish a minute (60 seconds) per mile behind that theoretical yacht and a boat at 120 would finish 2 minutes per mile behind.

Dallas Race Week included one race each evening for six nights, Sunday through Friday. Each boat's four best races counted in the standings. Progelhof skippered "Senor Moment," a J-boat, to a score of 6 by winning the Monday and Friday races and finishing second in two others. Finishing second and third among the 10 boats in Fleet A were two Bay View Yacht Club sailors -Bryan Taylor, who won Tuesday and Thursday's races in "Rented Mule," and Marshall McKenzie, who won Wednesday in "Superman's Cape." They had 10 points each, with Taylor winning a tiebreaker.

The most dominating performance was by Bay View's Jones, whose "Wings" flew to first place in all six races in Fleet C. That fleet was for boats with PHRF ratings of 201 or higher. Finishing second was Keelan Manuel of Bay View in "Joint Venture." Christopher Gradisar, also from Bay View, was

In Fleet B, Dan Malak of Chandlers Landing Yacht & Tennis Club rallied to win the final two races in "Orion" to edge Bay View's Jeff Greenwood in "August Blaze." He won the Monday and Wednesday races among the boats with PHRF ratings of 121-200. In third place was Bay View's Chris Hunke in "Swale," which won Tuesday's race.

The other four Dallas Race Week fleets were for specific types of boats. In the nine-boat Main Jib Fleet, David Lawson of Bay View was first in "Respite," which won the Sunday, Tuesday and Friday races. His club mate,

Jack Wurster, won the other three races in "Mas Caliente," with Lawson winning a tiebreaker. Ken Gezella of Bitter End Yacht Club finished third in "Juliet."

The top three boats in the Melges 24 Fleet finished within a point of each other. Rush Creek's David Hoye and Mano Judd sailed "Rocket Science" to victory in the first three races, then held off two other Rush Creek sailors who finished with 7 points to Hoye and Judd's 6. Anna Williams placed first in the Thursday and Friday races in "Surfin Bird" and took a tiebreaker from Ryan Glaze and "Gringo," the Wednesday night winner.

The IC 24 Fleet winner was Rush Creek's Team Barefoot - which placed first Monday, Tuesday and Friday in "IC You." The second- and third-place boats also were from Rush Creek - "Ragtime," which Larry Seals sailed to first place Thursday, and "Reflection," which won Wednesday's race with Tom Bieger at the helm.

In the Centerboard Fleet, Rush Creek's Erich Schloemer won the Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday races in "Heathen" to take the title ahead of Corinthian Sailing Club's Greg Olson. He won the Monday and Friday races in "GLOworm."

Scott Self took spectators out on the lake throughout the week in "Seawolf," a 40-foot catamaran.

"It was great," he said. We had over 40 boats. We got all six races in. There were great events and great parties."

And it was all for worthy causes.

## Rockwall takes 2 of 3 in its own 7-on-7 tournament

Rockwall completed a successful 7-on-7 football season leading up to the state tournament by winning two of three games Saturday at its own State Qualifying Tournament.

"We would have won our pool," said coach Rick Black.

However, the team representing Rockwall High School didn't have to win its pool because it already had qualified a week earlier.

That sent Sherman, which had lost to Rockwall 36-20 in pool play, to the semifinals of the 20-team event. The Bearcats, however, fell to Midlothian, which qualified with Hebron for the state tournament July 15 and 16 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The host team also defeated Mesquite Poteet 32-20 but lost 26-20 to Wylie. Black said, "We've been doing really well on defense, and this is supposed to be a deal where you score a lot of points. I think that's a matter of chemistry, knowing where you're supposed to be and communication. Our kids are

In Saturday's tournament, the defensive standout was Garrett Fikes with

two interceptions.

Black said Coan Calabrese continued to shine on offense. "He has been very consistent."

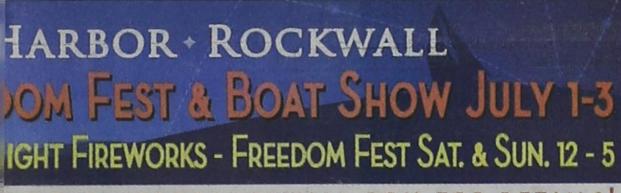
The coach added, "Our offense has been pretty good. We're still trying to get the timing down on some of our routes. We're seeing Wes Davis get more confident at quarterback."

To prepare for the College Station trip, the Rockwall team will resume practice Thursday evening. Black's plan is to have four practices beginning at 6

"We want them to really enjoy it and have fun. We don't want to burn them out," he said, and he could have been speaking literally.

"At these tournaments, when you play three games in 100-degree heat, you have to sub a lot to make sure the kids stay sharp."

Rockwall's team will leave Friday morning, July 15, with its first game scheduled for 1 p.m. that day.



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Rockwall's Cameron Davis (17) grabs the ball off a pass from quarterback Wes Davis (back) during last Saturday's 7on7 game against Wylie in Rockwall. Also assisting in the play is Baylor Black. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

## **Rockwall County News Briefs**

#### No Habitat workday this weekend

Because of the Fourth of July holiday weekend, no Rockwall Habitat for Humanity workday has been scheduled for July 2. Roofing at 801 Peter's Colony should continue July 9.

County library to be closed July 4

The Rockwall County Library will be closed on July 4 for the holiday. The library will be open on July 2 and will reopen on July 5 at 10 a.m.

Rockwall city offices closed for Fourth

City of Rockwall offices will be closed July 4 for the holiday. Garbage, recycling and bulk collection services will run on regular schedule, according to a city news release.

City of Heath offices to close for holiday

City of Heath offices will be closed July 4 in observance of the holiday. They will reopen on July 5.

**Jumpstart Kindergarten event set** 

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer Jumpstart Kindergarten, a fun, fast-paced program designed to develop self esteem, confidence and motivation for the reading experience, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 5-8 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program will be open to children ages 4-6. Cost will be \$147 or \$98 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

#### Republican Lunch Bunch scheduled

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. July 6 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering that is open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

#### **Highsteppers offer mini-camp**

The RHHS Highsteppers drill team will host a summer mini-camp for girls in kindergarten through sixth grade from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 11-14. Activities will take place at the RHHS school gym. Participants will be grouped according to grade level. Each participants will receive a T-shirt. Cost for the camp is \$60 per child. For more details, contact Stephanie Statham at stephstatham@ymail.com.

#### Intro to Computers class offered

An Introduction to Computers class open to individuals ages 55 and older will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. July 13-14 at The Center. The course is designed to familiarize participants with basic computer operation fundamentals. Cost will be \$30 or \$20 for Rockwall residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.



## Rockwall County Sports

## Rockwall-Heath qualifies for state at W

Rockwall-Heath scheduled only one 7-on-7 football State Qualifying Tournament this year, but that was enough to qualify.

Behind starting quarterback Cody Court, Rockwall-Heath was undefeated in four games Saturday in the Wylie State Qualifying Tournament. It defeated Richardson

Heath won against Dallas Jesuit to take the tournament championship. "The kids did well," said RHHS head coach Mickey Moss. "All of them played well. The best thing was the way they played as a team."

Berkner, West Mesquite and North Mesquite to reach the final game. Then, Rockwall-

Rockwall-Heath also was in first place in the four-team league; the final night Tuesday. The players will continue working out through and conditioning camp before going to the state tournament July is A&M University in College Station.

## Rockwall-Heath High School strength and conditioning camp

Of all of the summer sports camps in the Rockwall Independent School District, one of the most successful has been the Rockwall-Heath strength and conditioning camp.

Hawks athletic coordinator and head football coach Mickey Moss said more than 300 students have been participating in the camp.

A reception and mixer hosted by Kevin

and Laurie Bingham at Culpepper's

Steakhouse resulted in pledges of more

than \$15,000 for the Boys & Girls Club

Dave Condon, founder and president

of DNS Associates, gave a presentation

at the event. The presentation focused on

the impact a single individual can have

Of the pledges made at the event,

The event was part of the Boys & Girls

Club of Rockwall County's annual cam-

paign, With You - Their Future Starts

Here!, which was introduced in January.

Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.

Society. She initiated and supervised

Books to Bedside, a project designed to

facilitate community volunteering and pa-

tient bibliotherapy. At graduation she was

Local resident receives

**Doctor of Medicine degree** 

Chandler Self Rainey of Rockwall received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch on June 4 at ceremonies conducted in the Moody

Dr. Rainey attended Rockwall schools for all 13 years of public education, begin-

ning with Rochell Elementary in 1990. She graduated from Rockwall High in 2003

During medical school she was a student scholar in the John P. McGovern Academy

of Oslerian Medicine and a member of the nationwide Gold Humanism Honor

and earned her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M at College Station in 2007.

one of the largest gifts came from Brian

Berry, CEO of Med Tech Construction.

of Rockwall County.

Keep in mind that it's not an easy camp - and that to attend it the teenage campers have to be up early in the morning.

Also keep in mind that it's also four separate camps. Moss said more than 100 students are enrolled in the boys' grades 10-12 camp, another 70 or so in the girls' 9-12 camp, about 65 in the camp for boys entering ninth grade and Reception helps generate funds for Boys & Girls Club

The goal of the campaign is to raise a

minimum of \$100,000 to help support

the program budget, according to a news

For more than six years, the Boys &

Girls Club of Rockwall County has pro-

vided programs for children after school

and throughout the summer. Recognizing

the importance of the programs, the orga-

nization's board of directors launched the

annual campaign, which is being chaired

"I would like to sincerely thank all of

those who have participated in the With

You - Their Future Starts Here! annual

campaign," Maxwell said. "I truly be-

lieve that the children are our future, and

by board member Dr. David Maxwell.

release from the organization.

another 80 in the middle school camp. "They're committed, and they're doing a good job. We're really excited about that," Moss said.

"The boys' camps are mostly football players. There are a couple of basketball players. We're trying to get all our sports involved. We want to improve their speed, strength and explosion, and

this includes all children. An investment

now will pay huge benefits to the entire

Rockwall community in days to come."

make kids more athletic with good supervision."

All RISD camps will be off next week because of the Independence Day holiday, but the RHHS strength and conditioning camp will resume July 11 and continue Monday-Thursday through July 28.

Three RISD camps have not yet started. Those are Rockwall High School's

County currently offers a comprehen-

sive summer program for children ages

6 to 18. The club is open from 7:30 a.m.

to 6:30 p.m. at a weekly fee of \$40 per

volleyball camp July 18-24 and freshman soccer camp July 25-27, and the Rockwall-Heath football camp from Aug. 1 through 4 for students entering

For information on these camps, go to http://rockwallisd.com/Default. aspx?alias=rockwallisd.com/athletics and look under "Handy Links."

child, which includes the cost of break-

"We have kids coming from all

over," said club director Alicia

Rozell. "Rockwall, Rowlett, Royse

City, McKinney, Fate, Mesquite and

Greenville, just to name a few, and we're

so excited to have a chance to provide

fun and engaging programs to them all."

To join the club's annual fundraising

campaign, contact Misti Potter, chief

professional officer, at 972-722-2462 or

email misti7@verizon.net.

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RHHS also will have in nastics camp in action s RHS' high school and strength camps are so

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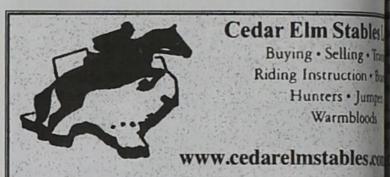
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Dr. Michael Laun and Stephen and Karen Straughan are pictured at a fundraising event conducted recently at Culpepper's Steakhouse. The reception and mixer, hosted by Kevin and Laurie Bingham, served as a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, generating more than \$15,000 in pledges. The event was part of the club's With You - Their Future Starts Here! campaign.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

#### named one of five finalists for the Gold-Headed Cane Award, which is an award determined by peers and is the highest honor bestowed on a graduating medical student. She also received the Ivan Bruce Memorial Award for her research on lithium psychopharmacology and the Hamilton Ford Award for Psychiatry in Medicine, honoring excellence in patient Following graduation, Dr. Rainey will serve her residence in psychiatry at Beth

Dr. Chandler Self Rainey

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## Renovations, reopening planned at Shores

A new lease agreement between the City of Rockwall and new owners of the Shores Golf Course, the Shores Country Club LLC, will allow the golf course to reopen once major renovations are completed.

Israel Medical Center in New York City. She is the daughter of Scott and Jan Self

### **Royse City to** host 4th Fest

The 6th Annual Royse City 4th Fest will begin at 6:15 p.m. Friday in the Royse City High School Stadium, FM 2642 between I-30 and FM 35. The event will feature activities for the entire family, according to information posted on the Royse City Chamber of Commerce

Live music will be provided by a band sponsored by Southern Junction. Concessions will be offered by the Royse City High School Booster Club. Other activities scheduled include sack races, a watermelon-eating contest, Hula Hoop contest, a bounce house, a military vehicle display and more. A Best Patriot Dressed contest also is scheduled.

The fireworks show is scheduled to begin at 9:15 p.m.

No pets will be permitted.

#### **Rockwall County Sports Notes**

#### Triathlon set Oct. 2 at The Harbor

The Toyota U.S. Open Triathlon, the final event in the Race to the Toyota Cup series, will be hosted by the City of Rockwall Oct. 2 at The Harbor. The three-event race will feature a swim event, followed by a cycling and a running event. The swim event will begin at 7 a.m., and the last runner should finish at about 2 p.m. To avoid traffic problems experienced last year, a new bike route has been designed. More than 1,000 ath-



Renovation work will take four to five months to complete, according to a news release from the city.

A fall opening date is anticipated. A symbolic groundbreaking event was conducted June 6 at the Shores facility to kick off renovations.

Portions of the golf course – primarily the back nine holes - are on land owned by the City of Dallas, which leases the land to the City of Rockwall for use as a golf course. Rockwall, in turn, leases

the area to the owner of the rest of the

The balance of the course, the clubhouse and other amenities are on private land owned by the owner/operator of The

Shores Country Club. The new owners have experience with golf course management, maintenance and ownership.

According to the news release, the owners have agreed to initially invest more than \$1.3 million in renovations

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including replacing all of the greens on the course, said Rockwall city manager "We are thrilled that the Shores Golf

Course will be open once again and in much better condition than it has been in the past. The city looks forward to working with the Shores Country Club group as they bring the course back," said Couch. City council members have worked for restoration of the Shores Golf Course

for the past several years. Ongoing operational and maintenance issues with the golf course's previous owner resulted in the city's cancellation of its lease with the owner. Foreclosure by the lender and the owner's bankruptcy followed.

The previous owner closed the golf course last fall.

It was the city's goal to have a professional, well-operated and functional golf course at The Shores, Couch said last

"It is exciting to see it now happening," she said in the news release.

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will hold a Public Hearing and Consider an Ordinance on August 1, 2011 at 6:00 P.M., in the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, to consider an Ordinance amending the existing Sign Code for the I-30 corridor. For detailed information regarding the proposed Ordinance, please contact the City Hall, located at 105 E. Fate Main Place, at (972) 771-4601.

Jean Dwinnell, TRMC City Secretary City of Fate

#### CITY OF FATE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Fate will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 6:00 P.M., in the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, to consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 40 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fate, by providing regulations governing Wind Energy Systems. For detailed information regarding the proposed Ordinance, please contact the City Hall, located at 105 E. Fate Main Place, at (972) 771-4601.

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#### City of ROCKWALL Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids addressed to the City of ROCKWALL Purchasing Agent will be received at the Purchasing Office, 385 S. Goliad, ROCKWALL, TX 75087 until 2:00 p.m. July 7, 2011 for an Animal Adoption Trailer.

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 2:00 p.m., July 7, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 385 S. Goliad, ROCKWALL, TX 75087.

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County of Rockwall The Rockwall County Commissioners' Court will be receiving sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2011 for Rockwall County's Bank Depository Contract. Sealed bids will be received at the Rockwall County Treasurer's Office, 2nd floor, Rockwall County Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St., Suite 201, Rockwall, Texas, 75087. Copies of the specifications (Bid 11-

06-006) may be obtained on or after Tuesday July 5, 2011, by contacting Lisa Constant, Rockwall County Auditor, Rockwall County Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk Street, Suite 101, or by calling (972) 204-6050. Technical questions should be directed to David Peek, Rockwall County Treasurer at (972) 204-6100 or e-mail dpeek@ rockwallcountytexas.com .

Rockwall County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jerry Hogan

Rockwall County Judge

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT AGENCY Proposed Base Flood Elevation Determination for the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, Case No.11-06-2878P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and/or on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www. floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/ bfe\_main.asp, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP.

#### CAUSE NO. PR11-43 IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWIN LEE NUMBERS, JR. DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS OF ESTATE OF EDWIN LEE NUM-BERS, JR

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Testamentary upon the Estate of ED-WIN LEE NUMBERS, JR. Deceased, were issued on the 20th day of June, 2011 to GERARD

THOMAS FAZIO in Docket No. PR11-43 pending in County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to GERARD THOMAS FAZIO, Independent Executor, at the following Address:

GERARD THOMAS FAZIO, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR C/O JAMES T. RUDD, ATTORNEY AT LAW

410 N.W. 11TH STREET Grand Prairie, Texas 75050 DATED this the 20th day of June,

2011. GERARD THOMAS FAZIO, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR ATTORNEY: JAMES T. RUDD 410 N.W. 11TH STREET Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

#### STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS 382nd District Court OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

**CAUSE NO: 1-11-321** TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JAMES M. HALL, DE-CEASED

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road, Suite 209, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you. You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten 0' clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of Forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, 18TH OF JULY BY 10:00 AM before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road of said County

in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition, was filed in said Court on MARCH 25, 2011, A.D., in this case numbered 1-11-321 on the docket of said court, and styled, JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS SUCCES-SOR BY MERGER TO BANK ONE, N.A. V. WILLA O. HALL, DANIEL BLAINE HALL, HEIDI LYNNE HALL, SHAWN MAHAN HALL, JODY MELYNN HALL, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JAMES M. HALL, DECEASED IN RE:238 DOWER ROAD, TERRELL TEXAS 75160.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORECLO-SURE

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY

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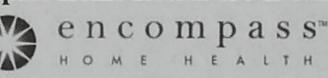
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City of R kwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, 12, 2011 t 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, wall, Tex., and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 18, at 6:00 in. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, s, to conser the following items:

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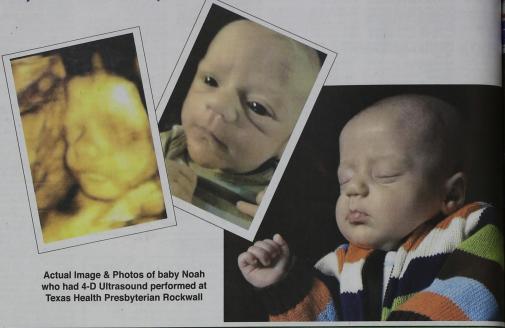
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2011-01 Proposed Amendment to PD-70 - SH205 & FM552

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interest i parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of nning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. litional formation can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City's )site: htt //www.rockwall.com/Planning/ZoningChanges.asp

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